

House Bill 410

By: Representatives Momtahan of the 17th, Kelley of the 16th, Gravley of the 67th, McCall of the 33rd, Hatchett of the 150th, and others

**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT**

1 To amend Code Section 40-8-29 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 spotlights, foglights, and auxiliary lights permitted on motor vehicles, so as to allow for the
3 use of bar shaped lighting devices on motor vehicles to be illuminated under certain
4 conditions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:**

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Code Section 40-8-29 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to spotlights,
8 foglights, and auxiliary lights permitted on motor vehicles, is amended by adding a new
9 subsection to read as follows:

10 "(e) Any motor vehicle may be equipped with a bar shaped lighting device positioned atop
11 or on the front of such vehicle and comprising multiple lamps capable of projecting a
12 nonflashing white or amber beam of light at an intensity no greater than the uppermost
13 distribution of light allowable by this part, provided that such device is capable of being
14 controlled by a switch or button within the motor vehicle. Such device shall be illuminated
15 only in a manner consistent with the illumination distance requirements to prevent glaring
16 rays from being projected into the eyes of another driver as set forth in Code Section
17 40-8-31 and may be utilized as a replacement for or contemporaneously with the uppermost
18 distribution of light from headlights. Such device may be illuminated continuously when
19 the motor vehicle is being operated upon a private road or used for off-road purposes. For
20 purposes of this Code section, the term 'off-road purposes' means travel over land, water,
21 snow, ice, marsh, swampland, or other natural terrain. The limitations upon the use of such
22 devices set forth by this subsection shall not apply to law enforcement or emergency
23 vehicles."

24 **SECTION 2.**

25 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.